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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AL United Kingdom Application 2 313 201
AM United Kingdom Application 2 267 156
AN United Kingdom Application 2 183 852
AO European Application 0 926 633
AP PCT Application WO 01/15099
AQ PCT Application WO 98/57302
AR PCT Application WO 98/56138

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were cited by the European Patent Office in a Search Report rendered in connection with the European counterpart application. Since all of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

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Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

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All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with any of the previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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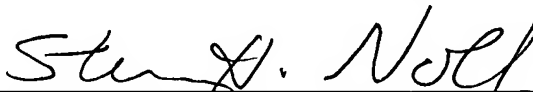
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